

## House Resolution No. 767

**Whereas**, Mary Anne Sedey of St. Louis, Missouri, has been nominated to receive the prestigious DeVerne Lee Calloway Award, a tremendous accolade given annually by the Women Legislators of Missouri in honor of Missouri's first African-American woman state representative; and

**Whereas**, the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award is presented to a Missouri woman who, through her commitment and determination, has made major contributions to equality and social justice by furthering legislation concerning equal opportunities for all Missourians in the areas of education, housing, employment, etc.; and

**Whereas**, for twenty-six years, Mary Anne Sedey has successfully represented employees in employment litigation in Missouri through her firm, Sedey and Ray, P.C., which limits its practice to litigation on behalf of employees in state and federal court; and

**Whereas**, some of Mary Anne Sedey's most notable cases include the Adams Mark Hotel race discrimination case, and both the Forrester v. White and Wilfong v. Rent-A-Center employment discrimination cases; and

**Whereas**, selected as one of Lawyers Weekly USA Top Ten Lawyers of the Year for 2002, Mary Anne Sedey has compiled an enviable list of service to the 3,000-member National Employment Lawyers Association (NELA), the national bar organization for attorneys who represent plaintiffs in employment law, through the important roles she has played as President (1996-1998), member of the Executive Board, and featured speaker at seminars around the country sponsored by national, state, and local organizations on employment law, including sexual harassment litigation, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and trial strategies and practice for plaintiff's employment lawyers; and

**Whereas**, currently serving as Vice Chair of the Missouri Bar Labor and Employment Committee, Mary Anne Sedey has testified before the Missouri State Legislature on employment legislation and has served as a member of the Executive Board of the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys; and

**Whereas**, appointed a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers in 1996, Mary Anne Sedey graduated from Webster College in 1970 and Saint Louis University School of Law in 1975, served as the Midwest Regional Director of the National Organization for Women in the 1970s, and founded the Missouri Equal Rights Amendment Coalition:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Mary Anne Sedey upon her well-deserved nomination for the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mary Anne Sedey.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Marilyn Ruestman  
District No. 131

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of  
Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First

Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 767, adopted March 10, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker